

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room

4:15-5:45 p.m., February 20, 2013

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

David Foster, Sue Erwin, Cindy Miles, Richard Ranzau, James Roseboro, Gary Schmitt, George Sherman, Debra Miller Stevens.

Attendance - Project Staff:

Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

1. Welcome and Introductions -

The meeting was called to order by Dave Barber in the absence of Chairperson Peggy Elliott and Vice Chairperson Shawn Farney (who were not able to attend the meeting). Project staff and steering committee members proceeded to introduce themselves.

2. KDOT T-Works Transportation Projects -

Dennis Slimmer with KDOT was not able to drive down from Topeka due to winter road conditions. His presentation will be deferred to the next Committee meeting in March.

3. Sedgwick County Planned Transportation Projects (2013-17 CIP) -

Jim Weber presented an overview of future road and bridge projects planned for the County in the next five years. Weber indicated that system maintenance is the first priority, reconstruction is the second priority, and new improvements are the third priority. Using these priorities, staff develops a proposed list of future projects based upon data/technical analysis. This list is then reviewed by the County CIP Committee in consideration of other countywide capital projects submitted from all county departments. The Board of County Commissioners ultimately approves the final list of future capital projects contained in the County's five-year Capital Improvement Program.

4. City of Wichita Planned Transportation Projects (2011-2020 CIP) -

Gary Janzen presented an overview of future road and bridge projects planned for the City. Declining federal and state funds for road/bridge improvements has negatively impacted the city's ability to maintain and expand its transportation infrastructure. Janzen indicated that with the recent slow-down in home construction, the city has placed more emphasis on projects in the developed and core areas of the city. Janzen indicated that the City has determined that it gets the best bang for its limited road maintenance dollars by trying to extend the life of streets that are currently in a better condition than those streets that are in the worst condition.

Janzen acknowledged that the current Comprehensive Plan has not been an important reference document for his staff in selecting/prioritizing future road and bridge project improvements. A list of proposed future projects is developed and submitted by staff to the City's CIP committee. This committee then finalizes the priorities for all city capital improvements, which is then submitted to the city council for final adjustments and approval. Janzen indicated that he needs to work closer with the new Comprehensive Plan, particularly in terms of direction provided regarding future growth and development areas, and future land use changes near intersections.

5. WAMPO MTP 2035 and TIP Projects -

Bill Christian presented an overview of the long range transportation plan (2035 MTP) for the Wichita metropolitan area and described its relationship to federally-funded future transportation projects identified in the short term transportation improvement program (TIP). Christian indicated

that the Wichita area metropolitan planning organization is currently receiving approximately \$12 million annually from federal and state sources to fund local municipal transportation projects for municipalities within the MPO area.

6. Other Business -

None

7. Set Next Steering Committee Meeting -

It was agreed that the next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 4:15-5:45 p.m. at the Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room. .

8. Comments from Public Attendees –

None

9. Adjourned -

5:55 p.m.